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1. It is reported that Sukarno is planning to avoid holding a plenary session of Komite Nasional Indonesia Pusat (KNIP) and intends to take the Dutch-Indonesian Agreement direct to the KNIP Working Committee for ratification. Leftist factions led by Partai Murba, Partai Komunis Indonesia and Partai Buruh Indonesia are opposing this move.
2. Republic officials are appointing a special Economic Advisory Board of over a dozen members. The members include Dr. Saroso Purwudihardjo, Dr. Sumitro Djojohadikusumo and F. Laoh (probably Dr. Herling Laoh). Maruto Nitimihardjo, chairman of the Partai Rakjat, will be adviser on cooperative societies. Nitimihardjo's appointment is believed to be a step taken to neutralize opposition Communists and extremists by giving them responsible jobs suitable to their capabilities, according to Republican sources. This is said to be part of the Sukarno-Hatta technique for winning over the extremists.

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